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STATE TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY BOARD (STBIAB)
MEETING MINUTES of July 17, 2014

Present: Albert Burian, Elzy Kaina (Chair), Rita Manriquez, Lila Ota, Bill Rodrigues, Robert Sloan M.D., Kawena Young

Excused: Lee Taylor, Mary Wilson

Others: Dylan Arrieta, Pacific Basin Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (PBRRTC), Hawaii Neurotrauma Registry (HNTR); Lyna Burian, Brain Injury Association-Hawaii; Ross Oshiro, Department of Education; Felicia from Kauai, Hawaii

DOH Staff: Curtis Inouye

- I. Call to Order – Chairperson Kaina called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. Quorum present.
- II. Approval of Minutes –Board Member William Rodrigues motioned to accept the Board minutes of January 17, 2014 as submitted. Board Member Lila Ota second the motion. Motion accepted by members with no questions. Board members voted to accept the Minutes as submitted.
- III. Review of Agenda – Chairperson Kaina reviewed the Board's agenda. Accepted with no changes.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Educational Initiatives:

Board Members took some time to discuss options and various formats of educational initiatives regarding TBI. Members discussed having a formal type conference and the conference time frame, whether it be a one day as compared to a two day conference. Board members also discussed having continuing education credits to encourage participants from the medical field. DOH staff Michele Tong will be assigned to assist in coordinating the initiative as well as establishing a sub-committee. Violet Horvath from HNTR as well as Brain Injury Association-Hawaii and Neurotrauma Advisory Board Member Lyna Burian have volunteered to be committee members. Any other STBIAB members interested in becoming a sub-committee member can contact Michele at 453-6222.

B. STBIAB Membership:

DOH staff informed STBIAB Members that there are unfilled positions within the STBIAB. DOH is currently in the process of confirming a Board Member representing Queen's Medical Center. Neighbor Island representation is a high priority. Currently, Kauai is the only neighbor island that is represented on the STBIAB. DOH will continue to seek interested individuals who reside on the neighbor islands that are interested in becoming a STBIAB Member. DOH staff informed current Board Members that if they know of any individuals who reside on the neighbor islands that are interested, to please inform DOH staff. Board Members also mentioned that it would be a good idea to have an annual STBIAB meeting where issues, concerns, and future goals can be addressed.

V. Old Business

A. Hawaii Concussion Awareness and Management Program (HCAMP) Update:

Ross Oshiro from the DOE provided an update of the HCAMP report. There were a total of 8,096 baselines completed and 1,332 concussions reported as of 6/30/14. Football continues to be the sport with the highest reported concussions followed by girls soccer in second, girls basketball third, followed by girls cheerleading in fourth. Ross mentioned that female athletes are addressing their strength training by concentrating in strengthening their necks as a means to prevent concussions. Ross mentioned that studies indicate that in girls soccer, heading (hitting the soccer ball with your head) was not the cause of the concussions reported but other hits to the head such as being hit by opposing player's elbows, being kicked, falling, or head to head hits. Board Member Dr. Robert Sloan mentioned that dehydration and heat illnesses can also contribute to athletes sustaining a concussion. Ross also mentioned that HCAMP has completed 21 presentations on concussion awareness and education during this 2013-2014 school year.

B. Pacific Basin Rehabilitation Research and Training Center Hawaii Neurotrauma Registry (HNTR) Update:

Dylan Arrieta provided an update on the HNTR Project. She mentioned that there are 62 participants in the Registry through 6/30/14. The HNTR participated in 2 community outreach events that reached 722 individuals in 6/2014 and have attended a total of 29 public events this year with a total of 3,178 individuals who visited their table at these events. More than 2,200 HNTR brochures were distributed at these events. Dylan reported that HNTR now has a facebook page and interested individuals can contact HNTR for more information. Dylan also mentioned that the Project Director is reviewing a script for a survey to determine best practices for developing a neurotrauma registry. The HNTR brochure is also being revised by removing duplicated information and will add information about the benefits of the Registry and the project. Per Dylan, the HNTR is working on print ads for the Honolulu Star Advertiser, getting a Twitter account for HNTR and the first HNTR quarterly newsletter is being currently drafted.

C. TBI Brochure Sub-committee update:

Maui STBIAB Member and Chair of the TBI Brochure sub-committee Lee Taylor has informed the DOH that he will be resigning from the STBIAB. He informed the DOH of his decision in 6/2014 and officially resigned on 7/1/14.

The DOH and the STBIAB wish Lee the best in the future and appreciate all the hard work and dedication he has shown to the STBIAB and brain injury survivors. STBIAB Chair Elzy Kaina will assume responsibility for the TBI brochure sub-committee and completing the TBI brochure. She mentioned that the draft brochure is nearly completed. The draft brochure will include a photo of TBI brochure sub-committee members, a drawing by current Board Member Kawena Young, and formatting of all contents of the brochure.

D. Neighbor Island TBI Activities:

Kauai: Rita Manriquez, STBIAB Member mentioned that she continues to provide TBI awareness on Kauai and also provides contact information for the Neurotrauma Helpline to interested individuals on Kauai. Rita also shared with Board Members her experience at a local hospital on Kauai. After arriving at the Emergency Room (ER) for tingling on the left side of her body, she spent in excess of five hours in the ER. The ER doctor was not familiar with treating individuals who are TBI survivors and their needs. She was seen by a second ER physician who was aware of Rita's situation and was able to provide the necessary medical interventions. Thankfully, Rita was treated and doing well.

E. DOH Update:

Neurotrauma Special Fund update deferred to next STBIAB meeting.

VI. Announcements

1. STBIAB Member Dr. Robert Sloan mentioned that a Neurologist and TBI specialist Dr. Michael Roussou will be practicing in Hilo, Hawaii two weeks out of the month. Dr. Sloan will also be practicing in Hilo with Dr. Roussou one week out of the month. Dr. Sloan will continue to have a practice here on Oahu. He has treated and assisted many individuals with TBI, as mentioned by current Board Members.
2. Board member Lila Ota informed Members and guests of the upcoming 29th Annual SPIN Conference to be held on May 2, 2014 at the UH Campus Center. For more information, interested individuals can call SPIN at 586-8126 or e-mail to spin@doh.hawaii.gov
3. Dr. Robert Sloan mentioned that he will be presenting at Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children on August 9, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The presentation will address brain injury care issues as well as mild recurrent concussions as well as sports related concussions. Dr. Sloan will also be doing a presentation on 9/11/2014 at Castle Hospital addressing Veterans who sustained a brain injury. Please call Dr. Sloan at 554-1743 for more information.
4. Brain Injury Association of Hawaii Support Group meetings will be held at the Brain Injury Resource Center at 200 Vineyard Blvd. room 201. Meetings will be held on the first Saturday of the month from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and on the second and third Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Meetings will resume at Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific once renovation of the hospital is completed.

VII. Next Meeting

Date: September 18, 2014

Time: 1:30 – 4:00 pm

Location: Kalanimoku VCC and Neighbor Island VCC sites

Recorded by Curtis Inouye